# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4233
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DISPUTE WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES ON CAS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are facing pressure from Multi National Companies(MNCs) toavoid introducing Conditional Access System (CAS) in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the points of dispute with foreign companies;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the dispute on this issue; and

(d) the details of advantages/gains to the Indian consumer from the rapid introduction of Conditional Access System in the country?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): No Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise

(d): The introduction of CAS will allow the consumerto choose the pay channel he desires to view and he will be required to pay only for the pay channels he watches.